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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 2507 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ANKARA
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SUBJ: GREEK COUP

REF: A) USUN 2492 AND B) SUN 2506

1. WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN STALLING OVER PAST 48 HOURS OVERWHELMING
SC DISPOSITION TO BLAME GREEKS PUBLICLY FOR RESPONSIBILITY
IN CYPRUS COUP. BUT SATURDAY ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL BE
DECISION TIME FOR VARIOUS VERSIONS OF AN SC RES PUSHED SEP-
ARATELY BY NON-ALIGNED, SOVIETS, AND BRITISH, CALLING FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK OFFICERS IN CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD
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AND BLAMING GREEKS FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION ON ISLAND.

2. AFTER LOOKING OVER ASSORTED AMENDMENTS WHICH STAND ANY REASONABLE CHANCE OF ATTRACTING NECESSARY BACKING, IT SEEMS TO US THAT BRITISH VERSION, FLOATED TO NIGHT, WOULD BE LEAST OBJECTIONAL. (SEE REFTEL B) IT ELIMINATES DIRECT DENUNCIATION OF GREEK GOVT, DEMANDED BY SOVIETS AND INSTEAD OF REQUESTING "IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL," PROPOSES WITHDRAWAL "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

3. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO SIGN AT THIS STAGE THAT EVEN SOFTER BRITISH VERSION CAN WIN ENOUGH BACKING. IF BRITISH MOVE STALLS, WE WILL BE CONFRONTED ANEW WITH FIVE-POWER DRAFT, DRAFTED MAINLY BY PERUVIAN SC PRES PEREZ DE CUELLAR. THIS VERSION REQUESTS IMMEDIATE FOREIGN MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD, AND MENTIONS MAKARIOS BY NAME AS AUTHOR OF LETTER (JULY 2) WHICH EARLIER HAD DEMANDED WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK OFFICERS. THIS VERSION ALSO CRITICIZES "FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION" BUT DOES NOT MENTION GREEK GOVT BY NAME.

4. AFTER LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS AND SECURITY COUNCIL

MEETING, S OF 9:00 P.M. NYT, WE WOULD RECOMMEND. A. WE SEEK TO PROMOTE BRITISH AMENDMENTS WITH OTHERS AND VOTE YES.

B. AS BACK-UP ALTERNATIVE, WE SEEK TO SOFTEN FIVE-POWER DRAFT, RECOGNIZING PROSPECTS ARE SLIM TO NON-EXISTENT. IF WE FAIL IN THIS EXERCISE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY, FOR PRESENT TEXT WHILE STATING OUR RESERVATIONS. EVEN USG ABSTENTION WOULD BE VIEWED BY OTHER MEMBERS AND PUBLIC OPINION AS REFLECTING POSSIBLE BACK-STAGE AMERICAN CONNIVANCE WITH GREEKS IN CYPRUS OPERATION AND PRESENTS SUPPORT OF SAMPSON REGIME. VETO WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, BE TANTAMOUNT TO CONFESSION WE AT MINIMUM ENCOURAGE GREEKS TO MOVE AGAINST MAKARIOS.

4. TOMORROW'S SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION DUE TO BEGIN AT
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11 A.M. POSSIBLE DELAY COULD BE WRINGLED OVER WHETHER NEWLY ARRIVED CYPRIOT DELEGATION REPRESENTING SAMPSON REGIME WILL BE HEARD. WE WOULD FAVOR THEIR SPEAKING UNDER ART 39,

WHICH DOES NOT GIVE THEM OFFICIAL RECOGNITION BUT EVEN THIS COULD BE ONLY BRIEF DELAYING TACTIC IF AGREED ON AND WOULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, PREVENT VOTE TOMORROW. THEREFORE, IT IS VITAL WE HAVE FULL RANGE OF INSTRUCTIONS TOMORROW MORNING BEFORE 10 A.M.

5. UK'S PERM REP RICHARD HAS COOPERATED WITH US IN SEEKING
TO STRETCH OUT SC CONSULTATION TO GIVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY
FOR UK/USG DISCUSSIONS OUTSIDE SC. WITHOUT STRENUOUS

EFFORTS TO GAIN HIS SUPPORT, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN FACED WITH
VOTE YESTERDAY. BUT NOW TIME HAS RUN OUT. SCALI UNQUOTE.
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